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TICKET DISPENSER MACHINE AND METHOD

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2. X A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

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b.		The filing fee to be paid later with surcharge [pursuant to 37 CFR 1.62(d)].
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Please cancel claims 3, 7-9, 13-15, 17, 19, 20, 23-28,

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1. 3. 5.		Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449. Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474.	 Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948. Notice of informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152. D
Part i	ii	SUMMARY OF ACTION	
1.	X	Claims 1,2,4-6,10-12,16,18,21,2	2,29-33,38-40,43;-45f 42are pending in the application.
		Of the above, claims	are withdrawn from consideration.
2.	×	Claims 3,7-9,13-15,17,19,20,23-28	3 1 34 - 37 , 41 , 42 , 46 ,48 \$4 fnave been cancelled.
3.	×	Claims 11,12,29,30,32,38-40,43	3 - 4 5 1 4 7 are allowed.
4.	×	Claims 1,2,4-6,10,16,18,21,22,31	are rejected.
5.	•	Claims	
6.		Claims	are subject to restriction or election requirement.
7.	X	This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.	.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.
8.		Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.	
9.		The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on are acceptable not acceptable (see explanation or Notice	
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1. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 31 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1 lines 5-8, it is not clearly understood whether there is a single means for moving the strip of tickets and dispensing them or if there are means for moving the strip and means for dispensing the tickets. It would appear to be more accurate and clear to recite separate means for these functions since that is what is disclosed. Claims 31 and 33 are indefinite because they depend from cancelled claim 26.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under subsection (f) or (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

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- 3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103, the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of potential 35 U.S.C. § 102(f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103.
- 4. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10, 16, 18 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Groves in view of Knee '935.

Groves teaches a article vending machine comprising: a housing 20; display means (unnumbered) for display of the types of articles available; means 50 for receiving and accepting a means of monetary exchange; and means for dispensing the articles in a number corresponding to the amount of money input to the machine. Further, the arrays of articles in Groves comprise a web of articles separated at intervals by lines of perforations and that such articles may be a variety of articles.

Groves fails to teach the articles being lottery tickets and providing the machine with a message display advertising the articles.

The specific articles being lottery tickets in considered an obvious matter of choice and the provision of advertising displays on a vending machine is notoriously well known in the art.

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Groves fails to teach the display means being windows past which the articles are transported to be viewed while dispensing. Groves further fails to teach separating means for separating the articles from one another.

Knee '935 teaches display means comprising a window allowing for viewing of the articles and their movement for dispensing. Knee '935 also teaches providing separating means comprising bursting means 51, 54, 65 to insure positive separation of articles from one another.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ windows to view the articles as the display means in Groves and to provide separating means in Groves to insure positive separation of the articles from one another for dispensing.

5. Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Groves in view of Knee '935 as applied to claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10, 16, 18 and 22 above, and further in view of Cedrone et al.

Groves in view of Knee '935 fails to teach providing a plurality of vending machines and communicating data regarding operation to a central location.

Cedrone et al teaches providing a group of vending machines and communicating data regarding operation of the

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machine to a central location.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide plural machines of Groves-Knee '935 and communicate data regarding their operation to a central location in view of the teaching of Cedrone et al.

- 6. Claims 11, 12, 29, 30, 32, 38-40, 43-45 and 47 are allowable over the prior art of record.
- 7. The failure of the Examiner to apply prior art to claims

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 31 and 33 should be construed as an indication of allowability as
 the Examiner is unable to fully ascertain the scope of these
 claims in view of the above rejection under 35 USC 112.
- 8. The preliminary amendments filed 10 July 1992 have been received and placed of record.
- 9. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner David Bollinger at telephone number (703) 308-1113.

Bollinger:e.h. August 14, 1992 ÓAVID H. BOLLINGER PRIMARY EXAMINER GROUP 310



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TICKET DISPENSER MACHINE AND METHOD

DECLARATION UNDER RULE 132 (37 C.F.R. §1.132)

Robert L. Burr hereby declares and states:

- He is the inventor in the above-identified patent He also is President and Chief Executive Officer of Lottery Enterprises, Inc. ("LEI"), 7320 Convoy Court, San Diego, California 92111. He has personal knowledge of the facts stated in this Declaration.
- LEI is making and selling lottery ticket 2. dispensers using the invention disclosed and claimed in this patent application. Specifically, LEI sells the "ITR 7000" line of lottery ticket dispensers shown in Exhibits A, B, C and D which are attached to this Declaration.
- Exhibit A is a photograph of a four-window tabletop model of the ITR 7000 dispenser, each window displaying tickets from a different instant-winner lottery ticket game. A string of tickets is driven downwardly past each window by an electric motor drive system when the customer inserts a bill into the machine and presses the button below the window.

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